REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

To Commissioner For Patents

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| Group Art Unit | 2642 | |
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This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 | | | | | | |
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| a. Previously submitted | | | | | | |
| i. Consider the supplemental amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on, (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). | | | | | | |
| ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously field on | | | | | | |
| iii. Other | | | | | | |
| b. Enclosed | | | | | | |
| i. X Preliminary Amendment (Will follow under separate cover) | | | | | | |
| ii Affidavit(s)Declaration(s) | | | | | | |
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| iv. Other | Other (may not be a brief) | | | | | |
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| b. Other | | | | | | |
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